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ACCELERATED POWER DEVELOPMENT REFORMS PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the target set under the Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP) during the Eleventh Five Year Plan;

(b) whether the priority areas have been finalized under the programme;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the funds earmarked and the allocation made for the purpose for the year 2008-09?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE,MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a): The Government have approved the continuation of Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP) during the XIth Five Year Plan with revised terms and conditions as a Central Sector Scheme.The focus of the programme is on actual, demonstrable performance in terms of loss reduction.In the project area,the State Power Utilities are expected to achieve Aggregate Technical & Commercial (AT&C) loss reduction target of 15%.The Utilities are also to achieve the following target of AT&C loss reduction at utility level:

Utilities having AT&C loss above 30%: Reduction by 3% per year

Utilities having AT&C loss below 30%: Reduction by 1.5% per year

(b) & (c): Establishment of reliable and automated systems for sustained collection of accurate base line data,and the adoption of Information Technology in the areas of energy accounting are the necessary pre-conditions before sanctioning any projects for strengthening & up-gradation of sub-transmission and distribution networks.Urban areas−towns and cities with population of more than 30,000 (10,000 incase of special category states) are to be covered under the restructured programme. In addition, in certain high-load density rural areas with significant loads,works of separation of agricultural feeders from domestic and industrial ones,and of High Voltage Distribution System (11 KV) are also to be taken up.Projects under the scheme are to be taken up in Two Parts.Part-A is to include the projects for establishment of baseline data and IT applications for energy accounting/auditing & IT based consumer service centers.Part-B includes regular distribution strengthening projects.

Scheme also contains provision of incentive for utility staff in towns where AT&C loss levels are brought below the base line levels.

(d): The expected programme size of re-structured APDRP during XI Plan is Rs. 51,577 crore.